



## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS  
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Mr. Frank S. Bacio  
Mr. Vito Cannella  
Ms. Rita Hall  
Mr. John A. Hammargren  
Mr. Carl E. Moore

### **MINUTES OF THE** **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **JUNE 4, 2008**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Montaña called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

#### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Chair Montaña led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montaña  
Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos  
Frank Bacio  
Vito Cannella  
Rita Hall  
John A. Hammargren

##### Excused Absence

Carl E. Moore

##### Staff

Janice Davis, Commission Services Staff  
Andrew Sevrin, Commission Services Staff  
Garen Khachian, Commission Services Staff

#### **APPROVAL OF MAY 14, 2008 MEETING MINUTES**

**On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Hall, and unanimously carried, the minutes of May 14, 2008 were approved, with the following change:**

- On page 2, under "Chair's Report", 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph, change "Foster home care" to "Group home care"...

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Montañó reported the following:

- "Children's Services Officials Fear Cuts", Pasadena Star-News, May 24, 2008, regarding the Governor's proposed budget cuts of \$25 million from the Department of Children and Family Services' \$1.6 billion budget.

On behalf of the Commission, Chair Montañó thanked Vice Chair Stathatos for her many years of dedication on the Sybil Brand Commission and let her know that she will be missed by all. She was then presented with a crystal award as a token of appreciation for her dedication and many years on the Commission. Vice Chair Stathatos graciously accepted the award and thanked the Commission.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Bacio reported the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1,748.23.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Ms. Janice Davis, Commission Services, gave the following report:

- An amendment to the Brown Act, effective July 1, 2008 requires that Public records that relate to an open session item of a regular meeting that are distributed to a majority of the members of the legislative body less than 72 hours before the meeting must be made available to the public at the same time for inspection upon request without delay. Also the address of the public location where those records will be made available must be included on the agendas for all meetings of the legislative body.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> District "Fishing in the City" event will be held on August 1, 2008 at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Park Lake. Commissioner Hall asked to be added as a volunteer for this event.

### **DISCUSSION OF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**

Commissioner Hall informed the Commission that the candidate nominated at the May 14, 2008 meeting, is ineligible because he resides in San Bernardino County. She nominated Ms. Courtney Nash, and distributed an essay written by her for the Commissioners review and consideration.

**On motion of Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Bacio, the Commission unanimously approved to amend the motion made on May 14, 2008, and selected Courtney Nash as the scholarship recipient.**

### **CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIT REPORT**

Chair Montaña reported on the following:

- The Tierra Del Sol Foundation Annual Report 2007
- The Friends of San Gabriel Children's Center newsletter

Chair Montaña reviewed the following Audit Report with the Commission:

Care Provider Org Foundation - 6, #3, Audit Report dated May 28, 2008 revealed all areas of concerns have been corrected.

### **FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM MAY 14, 2008 TO JUNE 3, 2008**

#### **United Care, Inc. #2 – 61, #2 – Commissioners Bacio and Hall**

The facility was visited on May 15, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Area of Concern:** Hot water is turned off in upstairs bathroom due to leaky pipe; bedrooms are too dark due to inadequate lighting; females had very few clothes.

#### **Luvlee's Residential – 35, #3 – Commissioner Hammargren**

The facility was visited on May 20, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

#### **Touch A Life Foundation – 58, #2 – Commissioners Hammargren and Montaña**

The facility was visited on May 27, 2008, and found to be in adequate condition.

**Area of Concern:** Drywall needs repair; screen door needs to be replaced.

#### **Manna Manor – 36, #5 – Commissioner Montaña**

The facility was visited on May 29, 2008, and no one was home.

#### **United Care, Inc. #1– 61, #1 – Commissioners Bacio and Hall**

The facility was visited on May 29, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Area of Concern:** Two smoke detectors need batteries.

#### **Linden Center (Gardner) - 34, #1 – Commissioner Montaña**

The facility was visited on June 2, 2008, and no one was home.

#### **Allen's Teen Center – 3, #1 - Commissioners Hammargren and Montaña**

The facility was visited on June 3, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

#### **Renaissance Unlimited – 50, #5 – Commissioners Bacio, Hall and Moore**

The facility was visited on June 3, 2008, and no one was home.

### **NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

**MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)**

Paternal Responsibility for Youths.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m in memory of the soldiers who were killed in combat in Iran and Afghanistan in 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janice A. Davis*  
Commission Services Division